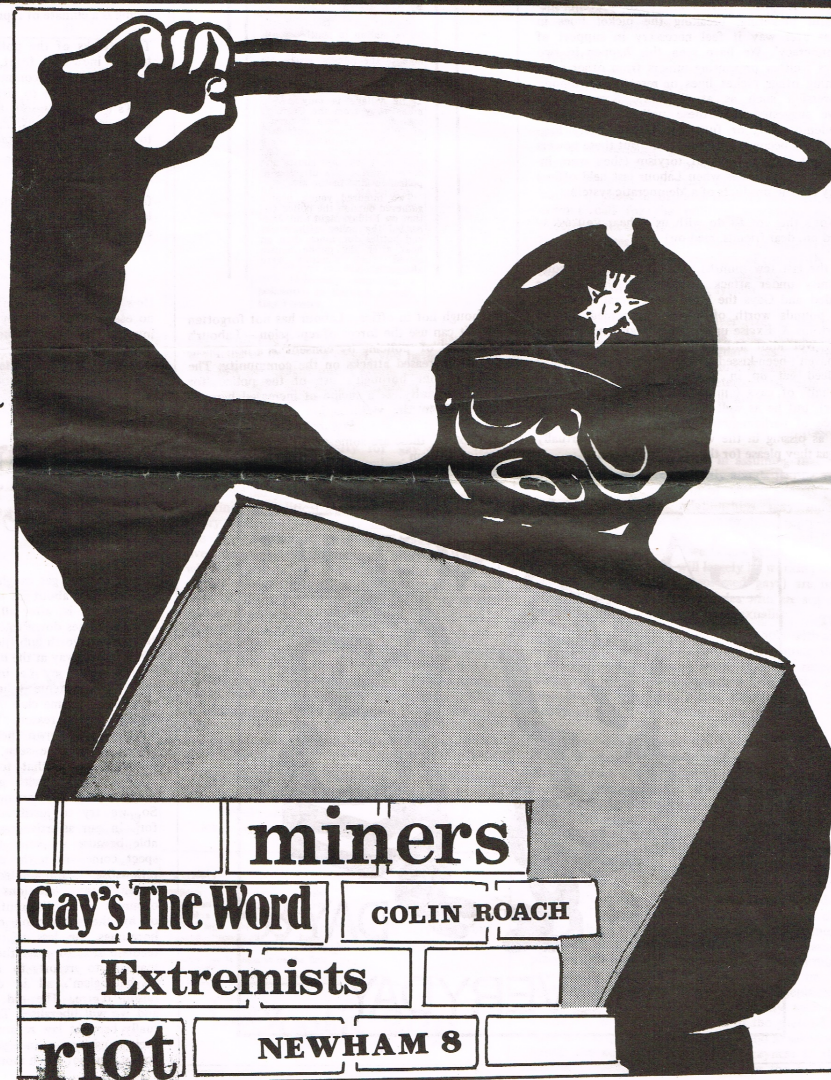


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# Wolverine

## GAY VOICES OF HOSTILITY

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## Towards the oncoming STORM!

The miners strike has been going on for some months now. The Tory Party's strict adherence to its economic policies means it isn't going to budge an inch. Besides, unlike '74 this strike isn't about wages — its about pit closures and jobs. However, it's not the states intransigence that concerns us here — that has been amply demonstrated elsewhere — but what should interest us are the tactics of the police. The Government considers that it has been placed in a completely untenable position and has therefore given the police carte-blanche to prevent successful picketing, breaking the picket lines in what ever way it feel necessary in support of 'democracy'. We have seen this happen in two ways : either preventing miners from other areas joining other picket lines or resorting to bloody repression such as at Orgreave. Some people have suggested that these policing powers are 'undemocratic', or further said that 'Merry England' has become a 'police-state'. But these powers are not the products of Toryism (they were invoked several times when Labour last held office) they are the products of a 'democratic system'.

('Wot's this got to do with us' I hear you ask — read on, dear friends, read on)

In the last few months we've also seen our community under attack. In London, the Bell was raided and Gays the Word had several thousands of pounds worth of books impounded by the Customs & Excise under the obscene publications act. Wet idiot M.P., Simon Hughes (he of the 'I-haven't-been-kissed-by-Tatchell' badge fame) may indeed get up in Westminster and protest on 'behalf' of gays (more like on behalf of his career), but he as well as the police know that this piece of parliamentary 'muscle-flexing' is as useful as pissing in the wind. The cops can virtually do as they please for this is 'democracy'.

We're almost led to believe that when Labour were in office we all had a 'jolly-good' time — we all lived in a sort of industrial 'never-never' land. Ah, but Peter Pan is a fairy-tale and Labour's rewriting of its term in office is just as fictional. We had industrial conflicts (Grunwicks, Firemans strike), wage freeze's (5% code of practice), and we didn't see that the number of raids and attacks on the gay community lessen any.

## Tensions of pit strike blamed for riot

By Paul Brown

Rioting and attacks on the police station in Maltby, South Yorkshire, was directly attributable to the miners' strike, Mr Peter Wright, the area Chief Constable said yesterday.

The village is only a few miles away from the Orgreave coking plant, where thousands of pickets have confronted police. Mr Wright said there was no point in hiding the fact that most of the abuse and stone-throwing was directed at police working in the area.

Two hundred young people gathered outside the police station on Friday night and bombarded the police with bricks and bottles for more than an hour after the public houses closed. Shop windows were also smashed.

Although not in office, Labour has not forgotten how it can use the forces of repression — Labour's blue-print of 'policing by consent' is a neat package of increased attacks on the community. The local Labour borough's use of the police 'for the community' is a recipe of increased harassment. From the victimisation of prostitutes in Kings Cross to the mass eviction of squatters in Brixton, these are some of the fruits of 'democratic socialism'.

Reagan came to Britain on June the 9th — CR kept telling us that. The Left kept telling us tell Reagan to take his missiles back — but it wasn't why he was here. On June 9th, nine of the western governments (both left wing and right wing states were represented) to discuss the crisis and to work out the next round of austerity measures for the western world. A since most of the states represented here has mass industrial unrest at the moment, it would seem that the plan is for greater impoverishment for the working classes of those countries.

No-one will stand idly around waiting for the effects of the next series of wage cuts, or cuts in essential services — there will be a response to this. Whether the response will take the form of Orgreave style picketing or demonstration in the manner of riots (à la 1981) remains to be seen (it will probably be both). The police will of course be sent in to suppress any signs of resistance, but they will not react in a sporadic manner. They have learned lessons as they will have their orders to attack anything that doesn't function for society. What we are facing is a climate of repression.

The attacks of the police will not be restricted to the industrial front, they will also pursue attacks on communities. In the cities you can expect them to virtually place working class areas (that is those with high Black population) under siege. We must also expect our communities to be placed under attack, either by raiding discos, bookshops etc., or closing places down.

The provisions of the Police-Bill are meant to facilitate this clamp down, and not merely to legalise those abuses of the law which we know all about already.

How, as gays, are we going to respond? There are no easy answers. Our reply to the oncoming storm must grow out of the dialogue we must now begin with each other. We can't duck this issue and neither can we stand on the risk-free sidelines hoping that it'll blow over. We must stand against repression.

## DON'T APOLOGISE FOR THE APOLOGISTS

It's so easy to get caught up in polite discussion with straights about gay-ness — how it's all so natural; how sex is, after all, the same for everyone when it comes down to it; how 5% of the population is well worth public consideration. With gay lib grinding away at the national conscience for ten years now, we are met increasingly with 'right-on' responses, supreme validations of our right to stand on the same clod of earth. We tend to make dialogue with reason, believing that prejudice will disappear down the garden path to a point where it can't be seen, hiding behind a pansy. Straights know that too. The garden path is after all, paved with good intentions. Sincerely they are — but they are not us. So, we try to justify, convince, 'put the case for'. In our assertiveness we get to feel respect because we want to be respected; and respect comes from the eye of the beholder. We rationalise, as our predecessors in the cause have done. Many variations on the theme have occurred: we're different by addition of desires, or by the subtraction of them; we have more hormones, or less of them; we're the intermediate sex, or even the third one. Usually we manage to resort to such of 'biologism', or 'psychologism', all in defence of the rational *raison d'être*. The old, wet notion is 'justify and we will liberalise'. True in the past? If eventually brought law reform, made people examine their consciences, and gave us a limited field of action. But not much more.

## GAY ANGER!

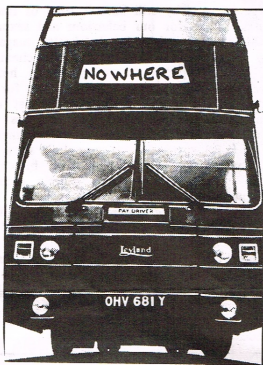


EACH DAY & EVERYDAY



We can no longer go on apologising for ourselves, 'explaining ourselves' to the disbelieving world. The struggle does not hinge on that, and probably never did. Basic rule of social change: gays want to eat from the tree of life too, whether it can be justified or not.....the rationalisations come later, as in all political causes. Gay liberation came about from a process of real change in notions and expectations of sexual awareness (owing a lot to the Women's movement); this this process of change came through the action of gays themselves wanting and fighting for change. Convincing people is only one tactic among many. It should not provide our 'justification' to ourselves. We don't need one, because WE ARE. We know what we want to see happen. We don't want or need to be 'respectable' either, as this only brings compromise in its wake. It is also apologism for what we believe will make us acceptable. The point is to change the ways in which people see all sexuality - then our petty justifications for our position will be, at best, irrelevant.

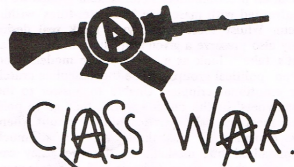
Keith Silvester  
September 1979



**On the road to  
socialism with  
the Labour  
Party.**

## Is it worth running away?

Hi, my name is Micheal and I fucking hate middle class people, especially the gay ones. People seem to think that because I'm gay I have something in common with them - well I fucking have not! That is not only insulting but it's a view that must be washed out! Being a young working class bloke I hate being humoured with a policemen's fucking 'kind' truncheon. 'Get into line, cunt' says Mr Bluebottle - and we are supposed to lay back with understanding. Bollocks! I say we kick the scum in their fucking heads - They do it to us, let's reply to them. Police only know the language of spit, scum and slime! Kick 'em back in the void! I'm sick and tired of watching people just standing there afraid to kick back. You're gonna get kicked anyway so why not fight back. The more people fight back the less fucking hassle we get, right. So why not drink to the blood of a dirty pig and throw the guts to the starving 'pigs' we'll be keeping for torture.



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### MP elects jury trial



KEITH HAMPSON, Conservative MP for Leeds North West, elected to go for jury trial at Crown Court when his case came up before Bow Street magistrates on Monday. The 40 year old MP is charged with indecently assaulting a policeman in Berwick Street's Gay Theatre.

So, another M.P. is 'exposed' - that's one of the problems of living in a closet, you never come out you just get caught out. Leaving aside such questions of earth shattering dimensions like 'is he'/'did he'/'since when'/'for how long' etc., there's a shade of irony when you consider that in spite of all the guff and wet support from the SDP/LIB alliance and Labour Party for 'gay rights', the Tory Party has the largest number of closet homosexuals (proportionately and numerically) than any other party in Westminster. Ignoring the political allegiances of Keith Hampson (Tory bastard etc) it really infuriates me to see the way in which 'celebrities' take president over the rest of us. For instance, every week somewhere a gay or gays are either being beaten up and/or arrested by the filth. It just seems that we're being pushed aside for the sake of propaganda. I mean, who is this man, he has never spoken in public about gays, nor do I believe that he ever will - and for all intents and purposes he probably thinks that homosexuality is not so much a 'moral evil' but more a case of indiscretion. All in all, I think it is about time we were a little more partisan in where our support goes.

STAND UP  
AND SPIT  
Robin Hood Youth  
Rebel rockers mag.  
"Kick down that fucking wall"

20p

#### Tasty

Wilde's of Sacramento, a new American brewery, has just started a new line - an 'Oscar Wilde' lager which they claim is brewed "specifically for homosexual tastes". Now which London bar is going to be the first to stock it?

This is all very well but what does it taste of?

Gayouth 20p

## A LETTER TO DEAR COMRADES

Gays in political groups walk a tightrope. On the one hand, we see that class struggle is an indispensable means for our liberation. Drawing the struggle out of the gay movement in a genuine way is fraught with the same difficulties as anywhere else. On the other hand, working with the 'straight' comrades can only too often be a demoralising venture since the oppressive anti-gay attitudes of the straight world trickle in to the dialogue that we have with the heterosexual comrades. In giving priority to the socio-economic argument over the sexual struggle, the language of revolution can merely provide a smoke screen effect masking the constant of homophobia. Defining further the area of our political activity (in our case, Anarchism) makes that tightrope walk even more precarious.

Appearing to compartmentalize the struggle in neat packages of class struggle/gay politics is only a crude method and is at 'best' the rhetoric of a political opportunist. The struggle for our emancipation is not bi-polar - it is one struggle. On the naive militant can believe it is other than this. For us revolutionary gays, we acknowledge the fact that the revolutionary process does not exist on a single dynamic - it exists on the unique contribution of those amorphous sections involved. They don't call for the political establishment (different caucuses, nor should it attempt to smooth the differences, but in the process of class struggle the negation of the domination of capital throw together all those who have a vested interest in the destruction of this miserable system.

The working class by its sheer size, is the only class capable of initiating this task. And when it asserts itself as a revolutionary class, actively fighting for its self-emancipation, it cannot merely seek to liberate the white heterosexual male proletarian. As gays, our contribution to the struggle is uniquely the elimination of the heterosexual norm that lies at the basis of our oppression.

Our vision is not blinkered in assuming that the working class (as it presently stands) is our 'natural' ally. The domination of capital and its preservation of power relationships may indeed oppress us, but when it comes to direct repression using the very real threat of violence and intimidation against us, we know that the perpetrators of these acts will largely be working class people. Queer bashers (repressed gays) are normally young working class males who are scarred with the guilt of their own homosexuality.

This is something we have to confront people with and not sit back in isolation, resigned to hoping that overnight attitudes will change. It is our responsibility to combat that repression and in the process destroy the myths that surround our sexuality.

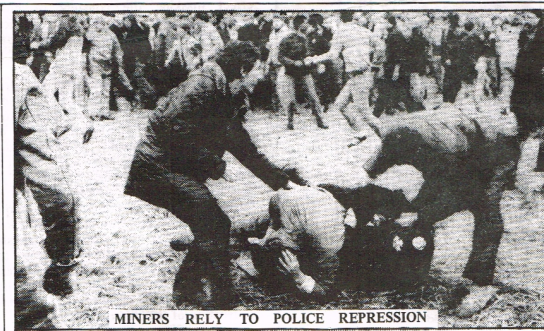
There are other things that we must also confront. We must be honest with ourselves and realise that we don't have a movement per se. We have an expanding gay milieu but its political development has been in part impeded by the growth of commercialism and the profiteering of entrepreneurs. When Gay Liberation started it grew out of the genuine desire to break the ideology of heterosexism and (vaguely) the domination of capital. Since then we've taken one step forward, two steps back. What we have allowed is a niche of bourgeois gays who have ridden on our backs, who have merely been vying for a more equitable slice of the capitalist pie - their market place is full of people too hungry to see anything beyond the temporary pleasure that the bright lights and weekend thrills offer but never genuinely satisfy. The 'pink economy' can only seek to sedate our abilities to break out of the ghetto and fight to change the world. We demand as sensuous beings the communication of our gayness to the rest of humanity. Withdrawing in to the solitary



confinement of the 'scene' can only curtail this need for development and filter out any desire for real change.

Looking at the left, our critique of society has never really been taken seriously. Initially, our homosexuality had never been seen as anything more than a product of the social idiosyncrasies of capitalism that diverted the revolutionary struggle in favour of a self-indulgent lifestyle-ism. It had also been seen as a product of the rubbish heap of counter-culture: just like junkies need smack to be satisfied, we'd be only too happy with free access to a good fuck. Gays have always been oppressed — there was no sudden realisation that this was otherwise. When as gays we started our own self-organisation, outside these 'revolutionary organisations', not only did gays provide an alternative to their ossified theories but we upset their recruitment plans (as did the self-organisation of women, black people, etc.). It became necessary to turn our struggle in to an 'issue' in

As in all predominately heterosexual groups we're confronted with masculine 'character-traits' within them. Whilst these stereotypes mask real desire they also preserve a given individuals homophobia. Let's take a look at a couple these models. Too often political groups can be the masculine crutch for emotional cripples. Unable to answer to the 'manliness' in the outside world, they go to political meetings, take part in political groups where the demands of masculinity are not so much minimised but masked. In this area they can act out their sterile fantasies of the 'big-man' (not realising that it is their passion to be loved by a 'big-man'). They can find security in the group since they can retain their fragile macho identity in return for playing the role of the 'good comrade'. The flip side of the coin is just as offensive. The heterosexual 'anti-sexist' anti — hero ludicrously believes that sexual oppression is a matter of attitude and not the corner stone of society. They vainly believe that oppression is something other people sort out amongst each



MINERS RELY TO POLICE REPRESSION

an attempt to destroy the challenge and boost their membership, the obvious outcome of this was the strength of the gay critique was effectively neutralised for the sake of party policy and unity — 'comrade the working class isn't gay, we can't alienate them with talk of homosexuality.' Thus, the only way gays could become 'good-comrades' was if they sold the papers and kept their mouths shut.

The political racketeering of the left is of no surprise. They do not present a revolutionary alternative to capitalism — they merely want to provide an equitable rate of exchange for labour power: alienation and repression will still remain but disguised under the thin veil of 'socialist rationality'. Class struggle is not just removing a nasty collection of bosses — it is about removing all forms of capitalist domination. The removal of 'Queen & Country' in favour of a 'Red Republic' will, for the majority of us, mean fuck all difference in our lives. Instead of a bourgeois ruling us, we'd have a select bunch of bureaucrats issuing work quotas and 'five-year-plans. And of course we'd have witch hunts against gays in 'defense of the socialist family'.

The Anarchist critique that the only way to destroy capitalism and all forms of domination is by the destruction of the state is the only consistent critique. The ideology of individual freedom and social responsibility are truly represented here since any revolution must give to the individual the power over their lives which the state denies. Am I suggesting that the Anarchist movement presently encompasses our critique of sexual liberation? I'm afraid not! We demand total world revolution as a prerequisite for our liberation as gays, and this is a libertarian principle. However, in the process of discussing sexual liberation, I find I'm up against the same homophobic brickwall as anywhere else. Some groups passively discriminate against gays; some refuse to discuss sexual politics; and some are so 'libertarian' it's difficult to know what they're saying. This isn't so much an argument against Anarchism but against anti-homosexuality; I'm trying to find out where their revolution is if it doesn't include me or my homosexuality.

other rather than changing themselves. And the heterosexual women who fight against male supremacism (and this is a critique of gay men as well) must also challenge the fundamental heterosexual 'normality' in their groups. As gay men we are struggling for universal liberation and in the process we fight just as much against our masculine attitudes, but we must also call to the women to fight against their prejudices with a view to dissolving all their antigay resistances as well. Our intervention in 'politics' must not be compromised by prioritizing economic issues, we must work to undermine the phallogocentric domination of society: if it helps we'll let the heterosexuals into a secret — homosexuality is not what you become but what you uncover.

On a personal note, some anarchists have unjustifiably claimed something that isn't true — that libertarianism and sexual politics grew out of the political movements in the late 60's / early 70's. A broadsheet like 'Wolverine' grew out of libertarian strand in the gay movement, and not out of the Anarchist movement as has been suggested. In this instance straight comrades claimed the libertarianism of 'Wolverine' for themselves and discarded the criticisms made of them — they called our anger 'hysterical'. For that I'll let Meli reply:

"Anyone who says that we are 'paranoid' simply means that we are quick to grasp the insufferable atmosphere created by people who can scarcely tolerate us....."

As the crisis deepens the general tendency is to concentrate on workplace / industrial issues. Unfortunately this tendency is accompanied by the trend that views all activity outside of this as peripheral, diversory, or at 'best' irrelevant to the 'main struggle': as gays we refuse to be sacrificed to the high altar of economic determinism. A political movement which seeks to pose itself as revolutionary must challenge its restriction to one limited category of political discussion — and this cuts both ways. As gays we demand of our movement that it actually moves. It must address itself to the problems that the crisis and the breakdown of capitalist relations will pose for it. But we also demand that the 'comrades' begin to acti-

vely question gender identity and the 'fixed' sexual determination which is created by capitalist social relations. It is our attitude to lift that as individuals we contribute to the revolutionary movement. Inventing a thousand slogan to change the world won't count for much if the individual cannot change on the basis of one of them. For far too long gays have been contributing to the 'struggle', it is about time the straight comrades contributed to ours. It will at the very least, create a more genuine and reciprocal basis of unity.

## Never food for thought

Effeminate men and masculine women can be the result of deranged glandular or liver function or of the excessive eating of foods that have been injected with growth hormones. Paavo Airola, the famous nutritionist and naturopath, believes that the use of growth hormones, particularly in chickens, is a contributing cause of homosexuality in the west.

In the early stages of embryonic growth, up to the third month, there is no differentiation and the characteristic

It seems as if, even in the 'liberated 80's' — Boy George etc — they still haven't tired of finding excuses/reasons for our behaviour and sexuality as this recent article in the health magazine 'New Age', shows. I wonder if all the chemicals they put in the food today causes heterosexuality? We don't need their excuses for our behaviour — it's the heterosexuals that need them to justify homophobic hang-ups and attitudes. And as we go on yet another ineffective Gay Pride march this year let's show the pigs that we're not just another bunch of passive 'pansies/benders' being quietly escorted from point A to B. We've sat back too long content with the commercial gay scene made for the benefit of the middle classes, out of the reach of the unemployed and people on low incomes. Let's produce a real alternative for working class gay men and women, one where we don't need the 'right look' / hairstyle / car / etc, and most importantly, let's release our anger for a change — it's been contained for too long.

## More Scum

Try to control any crushes you may get on masters or other boys: you will soon fall for girls instead and be less likely to get yourself or someone else expelled. (Slouanes are buggers, not homosexuals.)

The hypocrisy of the ruling classes sent to schools to be taught how superior they are to the rest of us. And there they are given a 'double standard' in their attitude to sex and morality.

In these public schools they practice homosexuality, yet the public picture is one of 'normal', 'smiling' happily married heterosexuals. Is it any wonder that so many of them are eccentric? Wolverine says that we have no sympathy with members of the ruling classes who get caught and exposed by the police, such as the recent case of the Tory MP charged with indecent assault in a gay Soho strip club. While its ok to harass working class men and women, rarely do the ruling class suffer. Lets show these bastards in the gay pubs and clubs where we meet that we have nothing in common with scum.

## WOLVERINE

We will be holding meetings in London soon, and we hope that as many people can attend as possible. If you can't attend then send us a line (or an article, perhaps) so we can keep in touch. Due to 'unforeseen circumstances' we've had to change our contact address, the present address is as follows:

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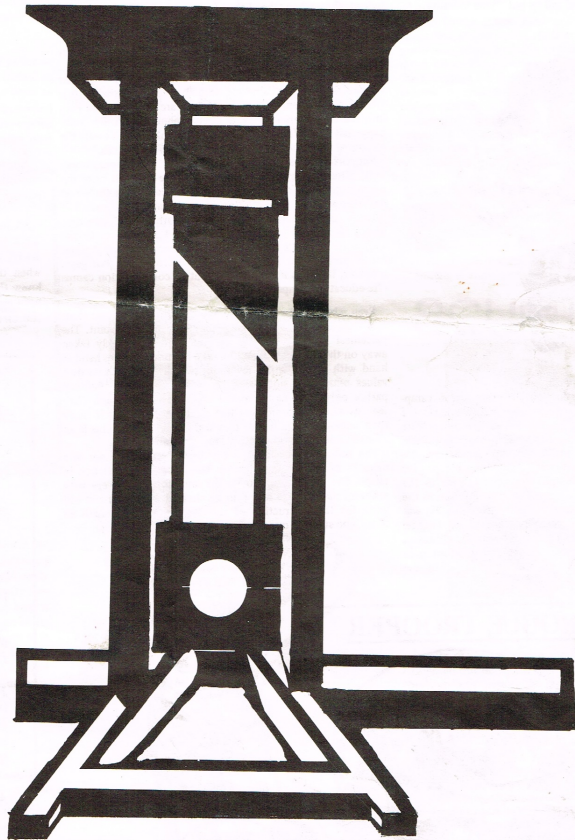
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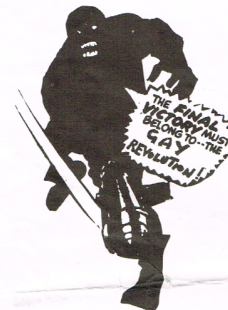


LETS TAKE THE WEIGHT  
OFF A GAY BASHERS FEET



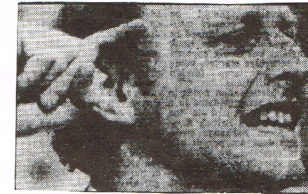
# LABOUR PARTY - ON YER BIKE!

For far too long political parties have been telling gays that their 'rights' can only be defended through support for their particular party. By sheer volume most of this shit comes from the Labour Party. Indeed, the lies are so transparent that even the Labour Campaign for Gay Rights (LCGR) is forced to concede that 'gay-rights' are the first things to get ditched when it comes to wooing the voters. Labour Party hacks fully realise that when they mumble the vague statements about 'support for gay-rights' it'll get numerous gays canvassing for it as a guarantee for these 'rights'. But it's not a simple carrot and stick situation. It is a fact that Labour controlled city councils are handing out (small) amounts of grant money to gay groups. One of the reasons is to create a professional caste of gays whose niche, whilst dependent on these grants for their jobs, also stifles any opposition to the Labour Party. The Labour Party is nothing but a middle class careers office battling with the Tories for the control of the working class. And that's the reason why the GLC can give money to middle class careerist gays; it can neutralise class conscious opposition to the Labour Party within its own ranks. Working class people have grown up being told that the Labour Party 'fights' for us when we know damn well that it fights merely to enslave us to capital and its putrefying morality.



At the grass roots level the local canvasser and campaigner is an essential part of the electoral machine. If they're part of a minority, all the better - another 'vote catching ideology' to stick in their manifesto. Poor Peter Tatchell, he couldn't have made a worse calculation. He believed that the Labour Party was beginning to accept gays in their own right and it logically followed (as far as the Labour Party voters were concerned) that his election in the labour stronghold of Bermondsey would reflect this. He was wrong on both counts. Unsuccessfully dumped by Michael Foot but successfully dumped by the voters of Bermondsey, Tatchell will remain little more than a historic footnote and an embarrassment to the 'liberal' pretensions of the Labour Party.

## ROGUE TROOPER



Kinnock: He calls us 'woofers', 'pansies' etc, he loathes us.

Now that the Labour Party has got rid of that geriatric homophobe Foot, they have a new leader at the helm, Neil Kinnock. This new leader of a party which 'supports the family' can only blithely refer to us as 'woofers', 'pansies', and 'perverts'. Apart from this new leadership the attitude of the Labour Party remains the same. And what an irony it is indeed that when the Labour Party says that it opposes racial discrimination one of its own strongholds, Hackney, is censured by the CRE for its racist housing policy - this the GLC's anti-racist year. If they can treat black people in this way, what on earth are they going to do with us?

As for the rest of the left, their record isn't any better. After attacking gays physically and verbally ("Homosexuality is a system of bourgeois decadence") they are now allowing gays into their organisations (a phenomenon which has only happened in the last 15 years. They certainly don't possess the carrots of the Labour Party but they do have the sticks.

Support these groups and they'll support gay well, after the revolution comrade. These bastards have the nerve to tell us to support the most despotic regimes the world has ever seen because it's 'progress through socialism'. The tyranny of these regimes make the barbarity of our own liberal democracy seem like lotus land; they even make the waffen SS look like Sunday School teachers! In these regimes life is pretty grim for the average heterosexual. For gays, however, it is not unusual to be sent to concentration camps - 're-education camps'.

Even when the Labour Party and the Left can endorse some minuscule aspect of 'gay-rights' they still miss the point. The peicemeal 'rights' they give on one hand are quickly taken away on the other. My liberation as a homosexual goes hand in hand with a total world revolution which establishes its own values which are not based on bourgeois 'rights'. Political parties only want us to confine us to play their games. They see us as some sort of bacillus existing off a host. If that's their analogy, so be it, but they'll find that the bacillus is an inconfineable plague to which no-one is immune.

The state cannot guarantee my freedom as a gay nor as a member of the working class - it would be a contradiction in terms. The left can only offer the same form of slavery with different masters. We refuse to be chained any longer and will work for the destruction of this system, we will smash all those who stand in our way. The future can only be ours.

ONWARD GAY BROTHERS  
ONWARD GAY SISTERS  
ONWARD TO LIBERATION  
SMASH THE STATE

The article below is the text from a leaflet which was distributed by a group called 'London Autonomists' at the most recent 'Kill the Bill' march in London. It relates to the wider provisions the police will gain when the new police bill is passed. Although it says fuck all about gays it does offer a good analysis of not only the extension of power to the police but also the integration of policing tactics into leftist ideology.

The new bill will in effect legalise what is already common practice on our streets. Loads of us have been nicked on trumped up charges of 'breach of the peace', 'soliciting', etc, sometimes we get off. This bill is designed so that we don't. It is futile to believe that we can fight this bill in parliament—we have to fight this bill (and the old bill) on the streets. Some of you will think that this is a tactic that will lead to violence, and you're dead right. But just remember that the ideas we have of gay liberation come from the struggles of other gays who did fight the cops and who did not against their oppression. Christopher Street wasn't so long ago.

## THE BLUE RINSE STARTS TO RUN

Some people would like to see the police made more accountable, more 'democratic'. Our attitude is a little simpler. We hate them.

All politicians, of whatever party, are united in their desire for a strong police force. Despite some feeble criticisms they always end up congratulating them for a 'good job done'. But when the police are portrayed as kindly and supportive, we know the reality is far different: Arrogant, brutal, repressive: we have every reason to see the law as an occupying force on our streets. And we have every right to deal with them as such.

## Peel's Police, RAW LOBSTERS, Blue Devils,

Or by whatever other appropriate Name they may be known.

### Notice is hereby given,

That a Subscription has been entered into, to supply the **PEOPLE** with **STAVES** of a superior Effect, either for Defence or Punishment, which will be in readiness to be gratuitously distributed whenever a similar unprovoked, and therefore unmanly and blood-thirsty Attack, be again made upon Englishmen, by a Force unknown to the British Constitution, and called into existence by a Parliament illegally constituted, legislating for their individual interests, consequently in opposition to the Public good.

Anti-Police broadsheet handed out in 1830

Ever since they were set up in the middle of the last century, the police have been at the forefront in the efforts to control the working class. By protecting the wealthy from attack they have forced crime back into our own ranks. The true meaning of law and order is for us to vent our anger on each other instead of letting the rich and privileged take the full brunt of our instinctive class hatred. Racism and petty crime amongst people who should be fighting side by side, together with the shadowy control wielded by organised criminals over their own communities all add up to the old game of divide and rule. Whether knowingly supported or not, this policy is backed by every one of our so called representatives.



With the collapse of the welfare state the leftist fantasy of "policing by consent" becomes more absurd every day. The attacks on our already pitiful living standards can only be made when backed by the strong arm of the law. It may be smashing up workers' picket lines and occupations, the onslaught against unauthorised gatherings of the young and unemployed, or raids into our housing estates and homes. How can we "consent" to this? Only the cosseted-middle class can pretend this doesn't happen - and that it won't happen on an ever wider scale.

We say that the Police Bill merely legalises what is already common practice on our streets. The Police Bill is a blatant threat to the working class. "Our" rulers are telling us that should we step out of line in any way they deem, they will set the full fury of the police onto us. And these are early days yet. What other repressive laws are they going to come up with as the crisis bites deeper? These new provisions are preparations that they are making for a stormy future. If we are serious we must make ours without delay and get ready to meet them on our own terrain, the streets.

By looking at the Police Bill in a wider social context, we can see that it is designed to meet a more violent class response to the deepening crisis in our cities. By making legal provisions for area saturation policing, this shows that their concern is not only the control of individuals but also the quelling of the first signs of urban revolt. They want to drive us off the streets and back into an isolated existence locked up in our own homes, pursuing a sterile privatised lifestyle, never questioning the system as it crumbles around us. They will not tolerate any life outside those activities and spheres of influence they organise and control.

But there is an answer: 1981 destroyed the myth of police invincibility. For a week the whole establishment was rocked to its foundations as town after town exploded with our reply to class society. Despite their shortcomings, these events marked the change from mere defensive reflexes to an offensive against the system. They set the tone for the future. The ruling class knows that. So do we. Let us get down to business.



#### THE RED ARM OF THE LAW

How is it that the Labour Party and the left are always in the driving seat of any campaign that seems to be against increasing police powers. The answer is so obvious that you could easily overlook it. When they're out of office, the Labour Party desperately needs to jump on whatever bandwagon will help it recruit new members and more importantly catch votes in the next general election. This is nothing new. They've been at it for years: the People's March for Jobs, the Anti-Nazi League, Rock Against Racism. Each time they are squeezed dry and cynically discarded. This process can be seen working very smoothly with the peace movement as they protest about the very weapons that the labour government brought in to the country in the first place. And how many campaigns was Benn involved in when he was a minister.

Given the Labour Party's opposition to the Police Bill, let's have a look at their past achievements in the field of law and order: The Prevention of Terrorism Act, arming the police with riot equipment (the shields were first used at Lewisham in 1977), strengthening elite units like the SPG. When in office the Labour Party has given the police every ounce of its support as they smash down those who fight back outside the cosy confines of their rigged publicity stunts. Are we meant to believe that some miraculous change of heart has taken place? Or are they going to continue in the spirit of Eric Heffer MP when as the police were routed on the streets in 1981 he said "Rioters and looters must be punished with all due severity."

When they talk about 'policing by consent' this is because they recognise that 'consent' has to be created in first place. The police on their own cannot do this. They need the help of

social workers, teachers, community leaders. Oozing socialist sincerity, these soft cops try to make us accept our alienation as a natural part of everyday life. These new welfare state gentry have the nerve to think that they can lead us in struggle. In the inner cities they make up the left establishment; running the councils, forming police committees, and whatever they say, their true role lies in diverting our anger into the most irrelevant community schemes and projects, trying to make us embittered individuals feel closer to the system that divides and isolates us. The contempt with which we treat them in the political arena is only one face of the hostility we show them in the "caring, sharing, socialist network."

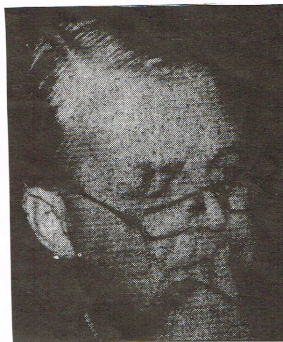
For the extreme left, their adventures into electoral politics have been a devastating disappointment and have only resulted in a series of lost deposits. They are now generally united in the belief that their progress is dependant on the electoral success of the Labour Party, despite its shortcomings ('vote labour without illusions'). Worming their way into the labyrinth of party committees, they hope to develop an alternative leadership within the party. As workers' distrust and discontent with the traditional leadership grows, they want to neutralise it by feeding it back into the Labour Party machinery and dissipating it in support for left-wing caucuses. Being part of an established institution, such as the Labour Party, and at the same time part of the militant left is not a contradiction. It's just a question of tactics. When it comes down to it, the extreme left has no intention of abolishing the police force. They merely want to give these 'workers in blue' the opportunity to obey the instructions of their own political gang. If they got to power we would have the same social fabric, with a socialist police force kicking our heads in with their socialist boots.

Although these different groupings are often in fierce competition, reformist and 'revolutionary' alike seek to ride to power on the back of our struggle. So they must try to control that struggle right from the start. We are the canon fodder for their 'tactical advantages' to be safely put away in prison when no longer needed.

We have no need of these parasites. They leap from issue to issue, holding back those ready to put up a real fight and recruiting the more gullible amongst us. We've got to fight on our own terms, and let these vote cadgers wander in the wilderness of their own impotence.



## OF LAMBS AND WOLVES



Bruce Kent: His cassock will make a fine Black flag.

Monseigneur Bruce Kent seems to have many fingers in about just as many pies. He is a very influential and articulate gentleman, which probably explains why he hasn't become too much of an embarrassment to the CND (otherwise known as the Campaign for Real War). Remember when a section of the fencing at Greenham Common got torn down? Yeah! a copper was laid out when a concrete post fell on his head (ha-ha-ha). What did our priest do? Why he sent a letter to the pig expressing his regret and sorrow about the whole incident. (Women who received broken fingers from the soldiers did not get similar notes of sympathy). Now he has been seen at an airport greeting home the mercenaries who murdered in Angola. The Gay CND seem to be ominously silent about the goings on with our priest. Concerning this latter story, could it possibly be related to the fact that the people behind the Gay CND are Maoists and that it was the Chinese who were supplying the reactionary Unita forces to fight the Russian backed MPLA. Tut, tut, David and Aubrey, your colours are beginning to show!

## SCUM!!



Rich breeders dancing. Kill THEM, KILL THEM ALL!!

In spite of the talk about the recession and all of us 'having to tighten our belts' the rich still maintain their strangle hold over our lives. Despite the poverty most of us have to endure the rich are still living it up and pissing on us (and I don't mean golden showers). It naturally follows that with their money they've got control of the media - they own it after all. These scum are the initiators of anti-gay tirades. They pump out their phobias and fear in their newspapers which when digested by the masses is translated into hate campaigns. Many gay people have been murdered because of these campaigns, but don't blame the killer too much. He was a tool of the rich media controllers, he carried out what the propaganda wanted him to do. The rich always get away with it, it's time these bastards got a taste of what we feel.

Recently the rich did get a taste of our anger. On March 1st several groups (including the Wolverine) attended the 'Horse and Hounds Ball' at the Grosvenor House Hotel, London, where the rich were living it up. What a surprise they got when they saw us. Grouped around a large banner (which said 'Behold Your Future Executioners') we spat at, kicked, and punched the bourgeois as they walked past us; They had to run a gauntlet. One bourgeois woman hit a comrade with her handbag, she replied by smacking her in the mouth. The bourgeois beat a hasty retreat. This is just the start of a campaign, so let's all get in there and hit the rich scum even harder.



# CLASS AND IMAGE

The middle classes have got a certain fascination for gays (well, gay men at least). According to them we're highly talented and artistic. In other words middle class people want to think that gays are middle class. This is an indication of the real snobbery they hold because they like to think that the working class male is uneducated, macho, and a sexist pig to boot. This is all very alarming to those of us who are working class and gay. The images the middle classes present of gays is highlighted by their fetishization of characters like Wilde, Carpenter, Whitman, etc. However there are gay characters who not suprisingly the middle classes prefer to ignore. People like the Anarchist Ravachol, who blew up and killed members of the Parisian bourgeoisie in the late 19th century. They focus on the literary talents of Genet, leaving aside the fact that he was a thief, burglar, pickpocket and a fugitive from most of the European states because of his criminal activity. Due to his present confinement in one of HM prisons we can now claim pig-shooter David Marten (buy this man an escape rope).



**RAVACHOL.  
ANARCHIST AND  
HOMOSEXUAL**

Most gays are working class but the media image we're given is that the two are mutually exclusive. All in all this means that the middle classes are using a divisive tactic such that they want gays to hate the working class. Well, I'm sorry you shitbags 'cos it ain't gonna work. I'm not proud to be working class, I'm not proud to live in poverty, it was a decision that I had no say in when I was born. However, I am proud to say that I am part of the class, part of the rising class of dispossessed who will one day terrorise the bourgeoisie and destroy the system. Despite all the attempts the middle classes make, they are beginning to realise that they can't buy off those

people who have a vision of a new world in their brains, and those people are us. Remember, middle-class scum, there are no prisoners taken in the class war and we've got a score to settle with you!

## Nastier than the video...

and she's got this cel. She pushes this cel — it's alive — into a rubber and then she pushes it up inside her. She takes it out and sticks it in a pan of boiling water and eats it. That was really horrible.  
**Nikki:** 'Nah, load of crap. Tell you what really made me sick, though. That film of the gay wedding. Those blokes kissing. I hated that.'  
**Darren:** 'Do you know about the man in the suitcase? He comes round our house every week. He's a geezer with a sheepskin coat. He's got tapes in his case, the ones with

## HIT BACK AND HARD

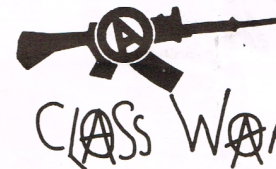
"Jo and Liz were sitting drinking Brine orange in the "Three Wheatsheaves" pub, Upper Street, Islington, when the whole pub seemed to erupt around them 'as a result of their offensive behaviour'. This consisted of them holding hands and kissing! Soon the police arrived, ignoring one man who had punched Jo and twisted Liz's arm. They were taken to the station and held until 5am to be charged, ironically, with being drunk and disorderly."

*Socialist Gay*  
This story is only too typical of the sort of treatment we get from straights. Unfortunately, this story is only the tip of the iceberg; it is an everyday story. How much longer are we going to put up with this filth? Not all straights physically attack us, but those who do should receive a sharp reminder that the days in which they can push us around are numbered. Places like these are legitimate targets for our anger. Boycotting won't work, the local clientele would love that anyway. No, more adventurous action is called for. We can operate between gluing the pubs locks to, and if a team gets together, wading in there toolled up with iron bars, hammers etc. and beat the shit out of the men who attacked our sisters. We have the advantage of knowing where they are but they don't know where we come from.



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# Social Workers, Get Lost!

In Gay Youth no.10, Margaret Gregory, social worker and national organiser for Friend gay counselling organisation defended her job as a police informant. Accordingly, since social workers have to work within the strict limits of the law, she places herself in the position where any criminal activity she comes across is duly related back to the boys in blue. "It may be necessary to go to the police and report the situation. The councillor must not collude with criminal activity."

For gay men this 'criminal activity' revolves around the age of consent, 21 years. Margaret Gregory doesn't reject this law, she upholds it. Indeed, intercourse involving men under 21 years old is a 'sexual offence'. This society is criminal in the proper sense of the word. It plunders and destroys and subjugates all to its tyranny. Those who oppose it consciously or unconsciously, through acts which are natural are called criminal. Thus when a man loves a boy, or a boy loves a man it calls this love a crime. This system, when it is not stirring people up to hate gays come s down just as hard when it tries to limit us to act withinlegally defined ages of consent. This law, just like the rest of them stinks. We get nicked by the cops all the time and now we've got gay social workers trying to tell us the pigs are 'alright'. Of course M. Gregory believes in 'gay solidarity' but what sort of solidarity is she talking about? We get hassled by the cops, she grasses people up to them.

No Margaret Gregory, we've got nothing in common with you, so let's cut out the 'solidarity' crap. We probably mean nothing to you except we're the source of your wage packet at the end of the month. We're probably the source of much merriment and idle chatter at your cheese and wine parties - 'interesting case', 'super workload'. The only problems you've ever had is in making a career out of gay counselling - and I doubt if that was very tricky!

Margaret Gregory and types like her don't understand that they're not needed. Social workers try to assess what our 'problems' are but they haven't worked out what the first one is — IT'S THEM.

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"I have nothing against gays. Many of them are highly talented and successful people who are prominent in the artistic professions. Many of them are Conservative, they are not hand-outs." "As for the Fabians, I have no sympathy for them at all. They always go to be socialists. They have succeeded in giving feminism a bad name. They do not deserve any support from the ratepayers."

Coun. Brydie Pearidy, quoted in *Evening Express* Independent. (Gordon Hayward, Middlesex.)

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